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**Amendments to H.R. 1286**—Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act

H.R. 1286, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act, is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, July 10, 2008, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res.1317](#)), making in order the following two amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, waives all points of order against the bill itself—except the PAYGO rule—and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Note: The summaries below are based on RSC staff review of *actual amendment text* and thus differ from what's on the Rules Committee website. For a summary of the underlying bill, [click here](#).

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### AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

**1. Bishop (R-UT).** The amendment clarifies that no land shall be acquired for use by the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail without the consent of the owner *and* that no land shall be acquired for the trail from a state or local government if that government obtained the land through eminent domain. In its current form, the bill does not prohibit the acquisition of state and local land obtained via eminent domain.

**2. Pearce (R-NM).** The amendment would require the Secretary of Interior, in cooperation with the Secretary of Energy and private industry, to prepare a report concerning energy resources available on the lands and water within the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The report would be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and affected states' legislatures. The amendment would require that the report contain the best available description of the types and amounts of energy resources withdrawn from possible development by the trail. Specifically, the amendment would require the report to include the number of barrels of oil, cubic feet of natural gas, and megawatts of solar, wind, and geothermal energy that could be commercially produced on the trail land.